

Humorous Department

He Knew It Was Dangerous.—An Englishman was seeing his first game of baseball, and the "fan" was explaining the different plays as they were being made.

"Don't you think it's great?" enthusiastically asked the "fan."

"Well," replied the Englishman, "I think it's very exciting, but also a very dangerous game."

"Dangerous nothing," replied the fan.

Just then a runner was put out at second base.

"What has happened now?" asked the Englishman.

"Click Smith has died at second," laconically replied the fan.

"Died at second?" replied the astonished Briton. "I knew it was a dangerous game."

No Free Advertising.—A violinist was bitterly disappointed with the account of his recital printed in the paper of a small town.

"I told you man three or four times," complained the musician to the owner of the paper, "that the instrument I used was a genuine Stradivarius, and in his story there was not a word about it, not a word."

Whereupon the owner said with a laugh:

"That is as it should be. When Mr. Stradivarius gets his fiddle advertised in my paper under ten cents a line, you come around and let me know."

A Model to be Copied.—Mrs. Simpson had taken her little daughter out to tea with her, and during the meal was horrified to see the child trying to force a very small piece of bread into a very small pocket.

"Why Marion," she said in shocked surprise, "what on earth are you doing?"

"That's all right, mother," her small daughter assured her. "I'm just taking this slice back to nurse for a pattern."

A Deep-Laid Plan.—"Would you mind letting off fifteen minutes early after this, sir?" asked the bookkeeper.

"You see, I moved into the suburbs and I can't catch the train unless I leave before five o'clock."

"I suppose I'll have to," grumbled the boss, "but you should have thought of that before you moved."

"I did," confided the bookkeeper to the stenographer a little later, "and that's the reason I moved."

And it Did.—"Your daughter," said Mrs. Oldcastle, after being conducted through the newly furnished wing of the magnificent palace occupied by the new-rich Bullingtons, "has such a splendid vocabulary."

"Do you think so?" her hostess replied.

"Joshua wanted to get her one of them essences, but I made up my mind right at the start that a vocabulary would look better in a room furnished like hers."

Not Getting It for Nothing.—A businesslike man stepped briskly into the butcher's shop. "Give me a piece of beef for roasting," he ordered. The beef mostly bone, was tossed upon the scales.

"Look here," admonished the customer, "you are giving me a piece of bone."

"No, no, sir," replied the butcher with a grin. "I ain't giving it to you. Yer a-payin' me for it."

Looking Far Ahead.—One of the diminutive flower maidens at an English flower bed attended by the Queen Mother was both pretty and plump, and when Her Majesty stopped to smile down upon her she put up her wee mouth for a kiss, which she received.

"Molly!" gasped her horrified mother. "How could you do that?"

Molly gave a sound reason. "I thought it'd be interesting to tell my grandchildren."

Too Familiar.—She laid her hand lovingly on her husband's shoulder. He stared.

"My dear would you mind not doing that?" he asked.

"Well do you object, dearie?" asked the wife.

"Well," replied the husband, "ever since we have owned a car, every time you do it I think of the traffic cop."

Might Bring in Some Business.—A young country doctor whose business was not large sat in his office reading when his henchman appeared.

"Them boys is a-stealing of your green apples agin, sir. Shall I drive 'em away?"

The doctor considered a moment and leveling his eyes at his servant, responded:

"No."

CHANGES IN CLASS

Local Board No. 1 Revises List of Registrants.

Local Board No. 1 has changed 111 of its men to Class 1 from other classifications and has transferred 32 men to Class 2 from Classes 3 and 4. The list is as follows:

Frank E. Ardy, from 1 to 218.
Abigail Ardy, from 2 to 1.
Charles S. Bagley, from 1 to 218.
George Brown, from 1 to 218.
Robert S. Higham, from 218 to 1.
Earl Baker, from 218 to 1.
L. R. Bennett, from 2 to 1.
Earle E. Brown, from 3 to 1.
John T. Boyd, from 4 to 2.
Pink Brownfield, from 2 to 1.
John F. Bradley, from 2 to 1.
Robert L. Byrd, from 2 to 1.
William Boyce, from 2 to 1.
James H. Byrd, from 2 to 1.
Frank Borchert, from 2 to 1.
John Brown, from 2 to 1.
James Berry, from 2 to 1.
John R. Collins, from 2 to 1.
Lonnie Kollock, from 2 to 1.
Oscar Thomas Culp, from 4 to 2.
Chas. Alonzo Chambers, from 2 to 1.
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Sam Cameron, from 2 to 1.
Oswell R. Cook, from 1 to 1.
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George A. Cowan, from 3 to 1.
Arthur P. Clark, from 2 to 1.
Fred Crockett, from 2 to 1.
Lawrence Collins, from 1 to 1.
Jesse Dunn, from 1 to 1.
Frank N. Downs, from 3 to 1.
William L. Davis, from 2 to 1.
R. Lee Davis, from 2 to 1.
Charles C. Dale, from 4 to 1.
John James Denton, from 3 to 1.
Alexander H. Davis, from 2 to 1.
Jesse C. Deese, from 3 to 1.
William Davis, from 2 to 1.
William Duncan, from 2 to 1.
Barlie Hawkins, from 2 to 1.
James H. Duncan, from 2 to 1.
James B. Ellison, from 2 to 1.
Robert Furr, from 1 to 1.
John Fraser, from 2 to 1.
L. E. Fryer, from 2 to 1.
Harry Fritch, from 2 to 1.
Arthur Garrison, from 2 to 1.
Ed Glenn, from 2 to 1.
Holler P. Gordon, from 4 to 1.
Alvin B. Gibson, from 4 to 1.
James A. Gettys, from 2 to 1.
James T. Greene, from 2 to 1.
John Graham, from 2 to 1.
Ferman P. Graham, from 1 to 2.
William Henry Hovis, from 4 to 1.
Allen G. Huggins, from 4 to 1.
Charles D. Hope, from 4 to 2.
Howard B. Huddleston, from 4 to 1.
John Hancy, from 2 to 1.
Nathan Hoad, from 2 to 1.
John Hammond, from 4 to 2.
Julius H. Hucklebee, from 4 to 2.
Brice Homphill, from 4 to 1.
William N. Heaton, from 4 to 2.
Clyde S. Hutchinson, from 3 to 1.
Raymond C. Hutchison, from 2 to 1.
William J. Hunter, from 2 to 1.
Robert Jones, from 4 to 2.
J. H. B. Jenkins, from 4 to 2.
Sam Johnson, from 2 to 1.
John H. Gordon, from 3 to 1.
August Johnson, from 4 to 1.
Manuel Jenkins, from 2 to 1.
Thomas B. Kimbrell, from 2 to 1.
Leonard H. Lucas, from 2 to 1.
W. S. Lovell, from 4 to 1.
J. Lathrop, from 4 to 2.
Eb. McKoy Kimbrell, from 2 to 1.
Herbert Knox, from 2 to 1.
James Kenett, from 2 to 1.
Dexter Thornton Kimbrell, from 4 to 2.
W. O. Kimball, from 1 to 2.
Walter F. Lovelace, from 2 to 1.
David B. McFadden, from 4 to 2.
Oscar E. Norris, from 4 to 2.
Plato D. McDord, from 4 to 2.
Zeb Vance Morton, from 4 to 1.
Charles B. McKorkle, from 2 to 1.
James M. Mickle, from 3 to 1.
L. C. McSwain, from 4 to 2.
John McKinney, from 2 to 1.
Ernest S. McClure, from 2 to 1.
John Karl Moser, from 2 to 1.
Graham Marks, from 2 to 1.
Dandy Massey, from 2 to 1.
Ralph C. Nannis, from 2 to 1.
John C. Naysinger, from 4 to 1.
Ben Tillman Parish, from 3 to 1.
Benjamin Holt Porter, from 2 to 1.
Henry C. Pridemore, from 2 to 1.
Toney Lathan Parish, from 4 to 1.
Charlie Porter, from 4 to 1.
John L. Poe, from 4 to 2.
Leroy Parish, from 2 to 1.
Ell Potter, from 2 to 1.
Ben D. Partlow, from 2 to 1.
Bud Wilson Pace, from 2 to 1.
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William N. Robinson, from 4 to 1.
W. C. Reid, from 2 to 1.
Heyward W. Robinson, from 3 to 1.
Charles G. Rockett, from 2 to 1.
James Pearl Ross, from 2 to 1.
George P. Sturgis, from 4 to 2.
Will Sexton, from 4 to 1.
Theo B. Sturgis, from 2 to 1.
Murray E. Small, from 3 to 1.
Foy Russell Sadler, from 3 to 1.
William Stever, from 4 to 2.
William Shewhan, from 4 to 1.
Julius McCoy Sealey, from 4 to 2.
Edward Spinks, from 4 to 2.
James G. Scruggs, from 3 to 1.
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John M. Simrill, from 3 to 1.
Gus Smith, from 3 to 1.
Ira Floyd Smythe, from 3 to 1.
Walter Lee Taylor, from 2 to 1.
Horace Thomasson, from 2 to 1.
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Lou Robert Wilson, from 2 to 1.
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Sam G. Youngblood, from 4 to 1.
Luther Clyburn, from 2 to 1.
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Plays 'Possum; Fools Huns.

"Next day a party of Germans came into my shell hole. One lifted my leg—luckily not the broken one or I'd have yelled—I was covered with mud and looked like the other bodies covering the ground. During the next fortnight I managed to live on the reserve beef Peters had collected. Then, feeling that nothing worse could happen, I resolved to try to get into the lines. It was an unky night. First I crawled by mistake right into a German line. I didn't hear me, so I turned back and inched along for an hour. Then I got into some barbed wire. I was a mass of cuts, blood and rags before I got through. Just then a Very light shot up. I saw a man peering over a trench. He was about to shoot when I shouted. Three of them came out and dragged me into our own trenches."

Before the war Taylor was a factory hand. He is recovering rapidly and looking forward to his return to the trenches.

COTTON LOANS REDUCED

So Says Mr. Stevenson's Correspondents—Case From Sumter.

The question of calling in cotton loans by the Federal reserve banks is likely to become an acute one in the south. Congressman Stevenson, who has been following the matter closely, gave out the following statement:

"On June 7, in a short talk on the floor of the house, I stated that calling loans on cotton held by farmers and difficulties of shipping cotton looked as if it was due in the interest of the manufacturer who could buy the cotton and leave it where it was, in the warehouse. David R. Coker of the council of national defense for South Carolina and a director in the Federal reserve bank at Richmond, Va., published all over the state of South Carolina a denial that the Federal reserve bank was doing it, to which I replied, citing one instance exactly in point. I now cite a letter from the Federal reserve bank at Richmond as follows:

"Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Fifth District.

June 11, 1918.

"Peoples Bank of Sumter, S. C.

"Gentlemen: We have placed five of the six notes amounting to \$6,800 listed on your application of the 31st ultimo, to your credit today and return herewith the note of C. O. Cotten for \$7,700. The warehouse receipts for the cotton securing this note are dated in October and November, showing that the cotton has been held by the maker of the note since that time. We see no justification for his holding the cotton at this time, when he has had the opportunity to sell it at the highest price ever known, and we do not feel that banks should lend money to any but those who are engaged in manufacturing cotton goods on the security of cotton when the cotton has been held by the owner or some one who, in turn, will manufacture it."

"Our government is in need of credit for the purpose of prosecuting the war, and only those can borrow who can show that the transaction is free from speculative features and that the proceeds of their notes are being used in useful enterprise."

"Very truly yours,

"Thomas Marshall, Jr.,
"Assistant Cashier."

"The above letter confirms my theory entirely that manufacturers will be financed to buy and hold what farmers are to be forced to sell and pay loans on it."

"Again in a letter from Eugene W. Able of Saluda, S. C., I quote the following:

"I see in the State of today the first mention of your controversy with Mr. Coker about the Federal reserve bank calling loans on cotton. I hasten to write you that as president of the Saluda Wholesale and Warehouse company of Saluda, we have had our loans to all intents and purposes called by a member of the Federal reserve bank and we saw instructions from the local bank acting. While these instructions were not in so many words, the conclusion was inevitable. As a result we have had to unload several hundred bales of cotton at serious loss."

"I quote from a bank and mill man from another part of the state who says:

"There is no doubt in the world but the Federal reserve bank officials are behind the mill men in forcing the 1917 cotton crop on the market and not allowing the farmers to hold for better prices when the mills are making such an extravagant price on their output. You hit it right by saying they were making 300 per cent. Why don't you have the governor of the Federal reserve bank appear before congress and tell why they are forcing banks to call in their loans on cotton? There is something rotten somewhere and your southern congressmen should clear it out."

Mrs. Rose Greeley, 32 years old, whose husband is at Camp Dix, N. J., last week attempted to enlist in the United States marine. She was turned down, but declares she will get into active service in some way. She has two children.

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"One of their young warriors, carrying his head dress of feathers, might have posed for a Greek god in bronze. It is strange how he ever came to be called a 'red man' as he is not red at all, but brown, the brown that came from centuries of exposure to wind and sun. There are two schools of writers, one picturing him as the incarnation of treachery and cruelty, and the other as the symbol of all the cruder virtues. Perhaps a middle line might be the correct angle from which to view the Indian as he really was, before the paleface influence of the white man brought out traits that before his coming were dormant."

The weight of the testimony of those whose lives came into contact with the Indian in the early days goes to prove that many of the simple virtues such as honesty, self-denial, the power to suffer without complaining, affection for their kin and a reverence for the things that to them were sacred, came as natural as scapling an enemy. The history of those times would seem to show that Indian treachery was the exception rather than the rule, where they were treated with fairness. In a way they were intensely religious, but the Great Spirit seems to have been a myth of the white man. The Indian had no conception of a single, all powerful being, omniscient and ever-present. But he invested all objects both animate and inanimate, with certain spiritual powers, some with power for good and others with power for evil. He believed there was a soul not only in man and animals around him, but in every bush and tree and flower. The glow from sunset, the call of a bird, the fall of an acorn, the eddy in a stream, all meant something to him in a spiritual way; and he believed that certain birds and animals possessed powers even beyond man himself. It is said that the "Happy Hunting Grounds," the home of departed spirits, is another poetic invention of the white man, as the Indian regarded hunting and fishing as the hardest kind of manual labor, and his idea of a future place where he would be supremely happy, was where he would have nothing to do but eat, play games, sing and dance."

Many of the tribes were made up of different clans of those who were closely related by blood, and the totem of the clans was some animal to which they looked for protection, and from which in some cases, they believed they were descended. From living so close to nature, it is not strange that birds, trees and animals entered largely into their religion and folklore. The Indian trend of thought was poetic, and expressed itself in terms abounding in metaphors and figures of speech."

Many Indian legends, like that of Hiawatha, have been immortalized and taken a permanent place in the world's literature. The Indian language was rhythmic and flowing, abounding in vowel sounds. The musical rhythm of many of their words were sound pictures of the things they represented. Some of the old Indian legends and traditions strongly resemble those recorded in Holy Writ. Especially is this true of the story of Joseph and the feeding of the Children of Israel in the wilderness. Other legends suggest the mythology of the Greeks and Romans. The cardinal virtue of the Indian was to conceal one's emotions, to bear pain and show no sign. From earliest childhood they were taught to have a contempt for suffering, and to endure torture without the quiver of a muscle. Generations of chance were enjoyed not only for the hope of gain, but that gave the loser an opportunity to show his fortitude if he happened to lose everything he possessed."

Among some tribes theft was so unusual that no punishment for that crime was provided for in